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1. Opening of the Assembly

The United Nations Second World Assembly on Ageing will be convened at the Municipal Convention Centre, Madrid, on Monday, 8 April 2002.

2. Election of the President

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Assembly (A/CONF.197/2) provides that the Assembly shall elect a President from among the representatives of participating States. In accordance with standard practice, the presidency of the Assembly will go to the host country. Rule 44 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot unless, in the absence of any objection, the Assembly decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

* The Chairman of the Main Committee will be elected in plenary meeting; officers of the Main Committee other than the Chairman will be elected by the Main Committee.

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3. Adoption of the rules of procedure

The provisional rules of procedure were approved by the General Assembly in its decision 56/427 of 19 December 2001.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.197/2)

4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda set out in the present document was approved and recommended to the Assembly for adoption by the Preparatory Committee at its first session, held in New York from 26 February to 2 March 2001.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing on the work of its second session (A/CONF.197/3 and Add.1 and 2)

5. Election of officers other than the President

Under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Assembly shall elect, in addition to the President, 27 Vice-Presidents and an ex officio Vice-President from the host country, a Rapporteur-General and Chairmen for the Main Committee established in accordance with rule 46. These officials shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the Bureau composed in accordance with rule 11. The Assembly may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

6. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee of the Assembly

In its resolution 54/262 of 25 May 2000, the General Assembly decided to convene the Second World Assembly on Ageing at the highest possible level of participation. At its second session, the Commission for Social Development acting as the Preparatory Committee approved the proposed organization of work for the Assembly and recommended its adoption by the Second World Assembly on Ageing. In accordance with these decisions, it is proposed that the Assembly organize its work around a plenary and a main committee. Under rule 48 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Assembly and the Main Committee may establish such working groups as they deem necessary for the performance of their functions. In accordance with rule 49, except as provided in rule 6 or otherwise decided, each subsidiary body shall elect its own officers.

The provisional rules of procedure also provide for the appointment of a Credentials Committee (rule 4) and a Main Committee (rules 11, 12 and 13).

A note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters will be before the Assembly for consideration. It will include a proposed timetable for the work of the Assembly.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters (A/CONF.197/4)

7. Credentials of representatives to the Assembly

(a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Assembly and that its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-sixth session. The Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session consisted of the following Member States: China, Denmark, Jamaica, Lesotho, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, the United States of America and Uruguay.

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Assembly without delay.

8. General exchange of views

During the period of 8 to 12 April, a general exchange of views will be held, at which time Member States and observers will make their statements, limited to seven minutes, in the order in which they draw lots. During the same period, representatives of intergovernmental organizations and executive heads of interested organizations of the United Nations may present one statement, limited to five minutes, during the Assembly. Given the availability of time, representatives of a limited number of accredited non-governmental organizations may also make statements in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Assembly and the decision of the General Assembly on arrangements regarding the participation of non-governmental organizations in the Second World Assembly on Ageing.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing on the work of its second session (A/CONF.197/3 and Add.1 and 2)

9. Political Declaration and International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

In paragraph 1 of its resolution 54/262, the General Assembly decided that the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the first World Assembly on Ageing held at Vienna, should be devoted to the overall review of the outcome of the first World Assembly.

Under this item, the draft political declaration and the draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002, as contained in A/CONF.197/3/Add.1 and Add.2, respectively, and approved by the Commission for Social Development acting as the Preparatory Committee at its second session, held in New York from 25 February to

1 March 2002, will be submitted to the Assembly for further consideration and adoption.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing on the work of its second session transmitting proposals for consideration in the preparation of a draft political declaration and a draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002 (A/CONF.197/3/Add.1 and Add.2)

13. Adoption of the report of the Assembly

The Assembly will adopt a report of its activities, a draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur-General and presented to the Assembly for its approval.

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Item 3 of the provisional agenda*
Adoption of the rules of procedure

Provisional rules of procedure

Note by the Secretariat

The provisional rules of procedure for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, as approved by the Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing at its first resumed session and by the General Assembly in its decision 56/427 of 19 December 2001, are hereby submitted to the Assembly for adoption (see annex).

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Annex

Provisional rules of procedure for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

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I. Representation and credentials

Composition of delegations
Rule 1

The delegation of each State participating in the Assembly shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Alternates and advisers
Rule 2

The head of delegation may designate an alternate representative or an adviser to act as a representative.

Submission of credentials
Rule 3

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the secretariat of the Assembly, if possible not less than one week before the opening of the Assembly. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Credentials Committee
Rule 4

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Assembly. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-sixth session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Assembly without delay.

Provisional participation
Rule 5

Pending a decision of the Assembly upon their credentials, representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the Assembly.

II. Officers

Elections
Rule 6

The Assembly shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: a President, 27 Vice-Presidents and an ex officio Vice-President from the host country, a Rapporteur-General, and Chairmen for the Main Committee established in accordance with rule 46. These officials shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the Bureau composed in accordance with rule 11. The Assembly may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

General powers of the President
Rule 7

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him/her elsewhere by these rules, the President shall preside at the plenary meetings of the Assembly, declare the opening and closing of each meeting, direct the discussions, ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions to a vote and announce decisions. The President shall rule on points of order and, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings and over the maintenance of order thereat. The President may propose to the Assembly the closure of the list of speakers, a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times the representative of each participant in the Assembly may speak on a question, the adjournment or the closure of the debate and the suspension or the adjournment of a meeting.

2. The President, in the exercise of his/her functions, remains under the authority of the Assembly.

Acting President
Rule 8

1. If the President is absent from a meeting or any part thereof, he/she shall designate one of the Vice-Presidents to take his/her place.

2. A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

Replacement of the President
Rule 9

If the President is unable to perform his/her functions, a new President shall be elected.

Voting rights of the President
Rule 10

The President, or a Vice-President acting as President, shall not vote, but shall appoint another member of his/her delegation to vote in his/her place.

III. Bureau

Composition
Rule 11

The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur-General and the Chairman of the Main Committee, shall constitute the Bureau. The President, or in his/her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents designated by him/her, shall serve as Chairman of the Bureau. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee may participate, without the right to vote, in the Bureau.

Substitute members
Rule 12

If the President or a Vice-President is to be absent during a meeting of the Bureau, he/she may designate a member of his/her delegation to sit and vote in the Bureau. In case of absence, the Chairman of the Main Committee shall designate a Vice-Chairman of the Committee as his/her substitute. When serving on the Bureau, Vice-Chairmen of the Main Committee shall not have the right to vote if they are of the same delegation as another member of the Bureau.

Functions
Rule 13

The Bureau shall assist the President in the general conduct of the business of the Assembly and shall ensure the coordination of its work.

IV. Secretariat of the Assembly

Duties of the Secretary-General
Rule 14

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, or a member of the secretariat designated by him, shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies.

Duties of the secretariat
Rule 15

The secretariat of the Assembly shall, in accordance with these rules:

(a) Interpret speeches made at meetings;

(b) Receive, translate, reproduce and circulate the documents of the Assembly;

(c) Make and arrange for the keeping of sound recordings of meetings;

(d) Publish and circulate the report and official records of the Assembly;

(e) Arrange for the custody of the documents and records of the Assembly in the archives of the United Nations;

(f) Generally perform all other work that the Assembly may require in connection with its proceedings.

Statements by the secretariat
Rule 16

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, or any member of the secretariat designated for that purpose, may at any time make either oral or written statements concerning any question under consideration.

V. Opening of the Assembly

Temporary President
Rule 17

At the opening of the first meeting of the Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations or, in his absence, his representative, shall preside until the Assembly has elected its President.

Decisions concerning organization
Rule 18

The Assembly shall, at its first meeting:

(a) Adopt its rules of procedure;

(b) Elect its officers and constitute its subsidiary bodies;

(c) Adopt its agenda, the draft of which shall, until such adoption, be the provisional agenda of the Assembly;

(d) Decide on the organization of its work.

VI. Conduct of business

Quorum
Rule 19

The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one third of the States participating in the Assembly are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of such States so participating shall be required for any decision to be taken.

Speeches
Rule 20

1. No one may address the Assembly without having previously obtained the permission of the President. Subject to rules 21 and 22 and 24 to 28, the President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they draw lots.

2. Debate shall be confined to the question before the Assembly and the President may call a speaker to order if his/her remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

3. The time allowed for speakers will be seven minutes. The Assembly may limit the number of times each participant may speak on any question. Permission to speak on a motion to set such limits shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour of and two opposing such limits, after which the motion shall be immediately put to a vote. In any event, with the consent of the Assembly, the President shall limit each intervention on procedural matters to five minutes. When the debate is limited and a speaker exceeds the allotted time, the President shall call him/her to order without delay.

Points of order
Rule 21

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may at any time raise a point of order, which shall be immediately decided by the President in accordance with these rules. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be immediately put to a vote, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting. A representative may not, in raising a point of order, speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

Precedence
Rule 22

The Chairman or Rapporteur of the Main Committee, or a representative designated by any other subsidiary body, may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by the body.

Closing of the list of speakers
Rule 23

During the course of a debate, the President may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Assembly, declare the list closed.

Right of reply
Rule 24

1. Notwithstanding rule 23, the President shall accord the right of reply to a representative of any State participating in the Assembly who requests it. Any other representative may be granted the opportunity to make a reply.

2. The statements made under this rule shall normally be made at the end of the last meeting of the day, or at the conclusion of the consideration of the relevant item if that is sooner.

3. The representatives of a State may make no more than two statements under this rule at a given meeting on any item. The first shall be limited to five minutes and the second to three minutes; representatives shall in any event attempt to be as brief as possible.

Adjournment of debate
Rule 25

A representative of any State participating in the Assembly may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the question under discussion. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour and two opposing the adjournment, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to a vote.

Closure of debate
Rule 26

A representative of any State participating in the Assembly may at any time move the closure of the debate on the question under discussion, whether or not any

other representative has signified his/her wish to speak. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives opposing the closure, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to a vote.

Suspension or adjournment of the meeting
Rule 27

Subject to rule 38, a representative of any State participating in the Assembly may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. No discussion on such motions shall be permitted and they shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to a vote.

Order of motions
Rule 28

The motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all proposals or other motions before the meeting:

(a) To suspend the meeting;

(b) To adjourn the meeting;

(c) To adjourn the debate on the question under discussion;

(d) To close the debate on the question under discussion.

Submission of proposals and substantive amendments
Rule 29

Proposals and substantive amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the secretariat of the Assembly, which shall circulate copies to all delegations. Unless the Assembly decides otherwise, substantive proposals shall be discussed or put to a decision no earlier than 24 hours after copies have been circulated in all languages of the Assembly to all delegations. The President may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, even though these amendments have not been circulated or have only been circulated the same day.

Withdrawal of proposals and motions
Rule 30

A proposal or a motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor at any time before a decision on it has been taken, provided that it has not been amended. A proposal or a motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any representative.

Decisions on competence
Rule 31

Subject to rule 28, any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Assembly to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to a vote before a vote is taken on the proposal in question.

Reconsideration of proposals
Rule 32

When a proposal has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered unless the Assembly, by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded to only two speakers opposing reconsideration, after which the motion shall be immediately put to a vote.

VII. Decision-making

General agreement
Rule 33

The Assembly shall make its best endeavours to ensure that its work is accomplished by general agreement.

Voting rights
Rule 34

Each State participating in the Assembly shall have one vote.

Majority required
Rule 35

1. Subject to rule 33, decisions of the Assembly on all matters of substance shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting.

2. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, decisions of the Assembly on all matters of procedure shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

3. If the question arises whether a matter is one of procedure or of substance, the President of the Assembly shall rule on the question. An appeal against this ruling shall be put to a vote immediately, and the President's ruling shall stand unless it is overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

4. If a vote is equally divided, the proposal or motion shall be regarded as rejected.

Meaning of the phrase "representatives present and voting"
Rule 36

For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "representatives present and voting" means representatives casting an affirmative or negative vote. Representatives who abstain from voting shall be regarded as not voting.

Method of voting
Rule 37

1. Except as provided in rule 44, the Assembly shall normally vote by show of hands, except that a representative may request a roll-call, which shall then be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the States participating in the Assembly, beginning with the delegation whose name is drawn by lot by the

President. The name of each State shall be called in all roll-calls and its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention".

2. When the Assembly votes by mechanical means, a non-recorded vote shall replace a vote by show of hands and a recorded vote shall replace a roll-call. A representative may request a recorded vote, which shall, unless a representative requests otherwise, be taken without calling out the names of the States participating in the Assembly.

3. The vote of each State participating in a roll-call or a recorded vote shall be inserted in any record of or report on the Assembly.

Conduct during voting
Rule 38

After the President has announced the commencement of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the process of voting.

Explanation of vote
Rule 39

Representatives may make brief statements, consisting solely of explanations of vote, before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed. The President may limit the time to be allowed for such explanations. The representative of a State sponsoring a proposal or motion shall not speak in explanation of vote thereon, except if it has been amended.

Division of proposals
Rule 40

A representative may move that parts of a proposal be voted on separately. If a representative objects, the motion for division shall be voted upon. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour of and two opposing the division. If the motion is carried, those parts of the proposal that are subsequently approved shall be put to the Assembly for decision as a whole. If all operative parts of the proposal have been rejected, the proposal shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

Amendments
Rule 41

A proposal is considered an amendment to another proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal. Unless specified otherwise, the word "proposal" in these rules shall be considered as including amendments.

Order of voting on amendments
Rule 42

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the Assembly shall vote first on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom and so on until all the amendments have been put to a vote. Where, however, the adoption of

one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter shall not be put to a vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon.

Order of voting on proposals
Rule 43

1. If two or more proposals, other than amendments, relate to the same question, they shall, unless the Assembly decides otherwise, be voted on in the order in which they were submitted. The Assembly may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.

2. Revised proposals shall be voted on in the order in which the original proposals were submitted, unless the revision substantially departs from the original proposal. In that case, the original proposal shall be considered as withdrawn and the revised proposal shall be treated as a new proposal.

3. A motion requiring that no decision be taken on a proposal shall be put to a vote before a decision is taken on the proposal in question.

Elections
Rule 44

All elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless, in the absence of any objection, the Assembly decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

Rule 45

1. When one or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates, in a number not exceeding the number of such places, obtaining in the first ballot a majority of the votes cast and the largest number of votes, shall be elected.

2. If the number of candidates obtaining such a majority is less than the number of places to be filled, additional ballots shall be held to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, in a number not exceeding twice the number of places remaining to be filled.

VIII. Subsidiary bodies

Main Committees
Rule 46

The Assembly may establish a Main Committee and other working groups, as needed, which may be set up in accordance with the practice of other United Nations conferences.

Representation on the Main Committee
Rule 47

Each State participating in the Assembly may be represented by one representative on the Main Committee. Each State may assign to the Committee such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Other subsidiary bodies
Rule 48

The Assembly and the Main Committee may establish such working groups as they deem necessary for the performance of their functions.

Officers
Rule 49

Except as provided in rule 6 or otherwise decided, each subsidiary body shall elect its own officers.

Procedures of subsidiary bodies
Rule 50

Unless otherwise decided by the Assembly, these rules apply, mutatis mutandis, to the subsidiary bodies, except that:

(a) A majority of the representatives on the Credentials Committee shall constitute a quorum;

(b) The Chairmen of the Main Committee or a working group may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one quarter of the States participating in the Assembly are present;

(c) The Chairmen of the Bureau, Credentials Committee and working groups may exercise the right to vote in those bodies;

(d) Decisions of committees and working groups shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting, except that the reconsideration of a proposal shall require the majority established by rule 32.

IX. Languages and records

Languages of the Assembly
Rule 51

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the languages of the Assembly.

Interpretation
Rule 52

1. Speeches made in a language of the Assembly shall be interpreted into other such languages.

2. A representative may speak in a language other than a language of the Assembly if he/she provides for interpretation into one such language.

Languages of official documents
Rule 53

Official documents of the Assembly shall be made available in the languages of the Assembly.

Sound recordings of meetings
Rule 54

Sound recordings of meetings of the Assembly and of the Main Committee shall be made and kept in accordance with the practice of the United Nations. Unless otherwise decided, no such recordings shall be made of the meetings of any working group.

X. Open and closed meetings

General principles
Rule 55

1. The plenary meetings of the Assembly and the meetings of the Main Committee shall be open unless the body concerned decides otherwise. All decisions taken by the plenary of the Assembly at a closed meeting shall be announced at an early open meeting of the plenary.

2. As a general rule, meetings of other bodies of the Assembly shall be closed.

XI. Other participants and observers

Representatives of entities, intergovernmental organizations and other entities which have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices
Rule 56

Representatives designated by intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices have the right to participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the World Assembly, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any working group.

Associate members of regional commissions
Rule 57

Representatives designated by the footnoted associate members of regional commissions[1] may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Assembly, the Main Committee, the Hearing Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group.

[1] American Samoa, Anguilla, Aruba, British Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, Niue, Puerto Rico and United States Virgin Islands.

Representatives of the specialized agencies
Rule 58

Representatives designated by the specialized agencies may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Assembly, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of other intergovernmental organizations
Rule 59

Representatives designated by interested intergovernmental organizations invited to the Assembly may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Assembly, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of interested United Nations organs
Rule 60

Representatives designated by interested organs of the United Nations may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Assembly, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations
Rule 61

1. Non-governmental organizations accredited to participate in the Assembly may designate representatives to sit as observers at open meetings of the Assembly and the Main Committee.

2. Representatives of non-governmental organizations accredited to the Assembly may make statements in the Main Committee.

3. Given the availability of time, a limited number of accredited non-governmental organizations may also make statements in the plenary of the Assembly. Non-governmental organizations should be requested to select their spokespersons among themselves, and should provide the list thereof to the President of the Assembly to present the list of selected non-governmental organizations to Member States in a timely manner for approval and to ensure that such selection is made on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental organizations.

Written statements
Rule 62

Written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 56 to 61 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the quantities and in the language in which the statements are made available to it at the site of the Assembly, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization is related to the work of the Assembly and is on a subject in which the organization has a special competence. Written statements shall not be issued at United Nations expense and shall not be issued as official documents.

XII. Amendment and suspension of the rules of procedure

Method of amendment
Rule 63

These rules of procedure may be amended by a decision of the Assembly taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, after the Bureau has reported on the proposed amendment.

Method of suspension
Rule 64

Any of these rules may be suspended by the Assembly provided that 24 hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given, which may be waived if no representative objects. Any such suspension shall be limited to a specific and stated purpose and to a period required to achieve that purpose.

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I. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The preparatory committee held its second session at United Nations Headquarters from 25 February to 1 March 2002. The preparatory committee held 3 plenary meetings (1st to 3rd) and a number of informal consultations.

2. The session was opened by the Chairman of the preparatory committee, who made an introductory statement.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 25 February, the representative of Spain, as host country for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, made a statement.

B. Attendance

4. The following States were represented: Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe. The observer for Palestine attended the session. The observer for the European Commission also attended the session.

5. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) was represented.

6. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization (ILO), World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

7. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/262 of 25 May 2000, non-governmental organizations in the field of ageing also attended the session.

C. Officers

8. The officers, who had been elected by the preparatory committee at its first session, remained:

Chairman:
Felipe Paolillo

Vice-Chairpersons:
Aicha Afifi (Morocco)
Asith Bhattacharjee (India)
Maria José Carrilho (Portugal)

9. Also, at its 1st meeting, on 25 February 2002, the preparatory committee elected by acclamation Ivana Grollová (Czech Republic) as Vice-Chairperson with rapporteurial responsibilities.

D. Agenda and organization of work

10. At its 1st meeting, on 25 February, the preparatory committee adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.5/2002/PC/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Status of preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing:

   (a) Activities undertaken in 2001;

   (b) Trust Fund;

   (c) Public information programme.

3. Consideration of the draft outcome document for the Second World Assembly on Ageing.

4. Draft provisional agenda and organization of work of the Second World Assembly on Ageing.

5. Other matters.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee on the work of its second session.

E. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in decision 2001/PC/3 of the preparatory committee

11. At the 2nd meeting, on 1 March 2002, the representatives of Algeria and Egypt made statements with regard to the accreditation of non-governmental organizations.

12. At its 3rd meeting, on 1 March, the preparatory committee approved the list of non-governmental organizations requesting accreditation, as set out in document E/CN.5/2002/PC/4 (see annex II, decision PC/2002/1).

F. Documentation

13. The documents before the preparatory committee are listed in annex V.

II. Status of preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

14. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee considered agenda item 2 at its 1st meeting, on 25 February 2002. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the secretariat on the status of preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing (E/CN.5/2002/PC/3);

(b) Letter dated 11 February 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.5/2002/5);

(c) Note by the secretariat on the information campaign for the Second World Assembly on Ageing carried out by the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat (E/CN.5/2002/PC/Misc.1).

15. Also at the 1st meeting, the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development made a statement.

III. Consideration of the draft outcome document for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

16. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee considered agenda item 3 at its 1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 25 February and 1 March 2002. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Abuse of older persons: recognizing and responding to abuse of older persons in a global context" (E/CN.5/2002/PC/2).

17. At the 2nd meeting, on 1 March, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, Egypt, Pakistan, the United States of America, the Czech Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Chile and Brazil. The Chairman also made a statement.

18. At the same meeting, the Secretary responded to questions raised during the discussion.

19. At the 3rd meeting, on 1 March, the preparatory committee had before it the text of a draft political declaration and a draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002, which were circulated in informal papers.

20. At the same meeting, following a statement by the Chairman, the preparatory committee agreed to annex the texts of the draft political declaration (A/CONF.197/3/Add.1) and the draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002 (A/CONF.197/3/Add.2), as amended during informal consultations, to its final report, on the understanding that the structure would be decided upon at a later date and that any subsequent amendments would be submitted separately.

IV. Draft provisional agenda and organization of work of the Second World Assembly on Ageing

Consideration of draft resolution E/CN.5/2002/PC/L.1

21. At its 3rd meeting, on 1 March 2002, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee had before it a draft resolution (E/CN.5/2002/PC/L.1) entitled "Provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the Second World Assembly on Ageing", submitted by the Chairman under item 4 of the agenda.

22. Also at the 3rd meeting, the Chairman advised the preparatory committee of amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon following informal consultations.

23. At the same meeting, the observer for Palestine also made a statement.

24. Also at the same meeting, the preparatory committee approved the draft resolution, as orally amended and corrected, and recommended its adoption by the Second World Assembly on Ageing (see annex I to the present report).

V. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee on the work of its second session

25. At the 3rd meeting, on 1 March, the Vice-Chairperson of the preparatory committee with rapporteurial responsibilities, Ivana Grollová (Czech Republic), introduced the draft report of the preparatory committee (E/CN.5/2002/PC/L.2).

26. At the same meeting, the preparatory committee adopted its draft report and entrusted the Rapporteur with its completion.

Annex I

Draft resolution recommended for adoption by the Second World Assembly on Ageing

Provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

The Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 54/262 of 28 May 2000,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 55/58 of 4 December 2000,

1. *Recommends* that the Second World Assembly on Ageing adopt the provisional agenda and provisions for its organization of work contained in annex I to the present resolution;

2. *Authorizes* the Bureau to finalize any outstanding organizational or procedural matters, in consultation with the host Government and with the support of the Secretariat of the United Nations, for approval at the pre-Assembly consultations to take place at United Nations Headquarters;

3. *Invites* the regional groups to designate their nominations for the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, in accordance with the pattern outlined in the proposed organization of work contained in annex II to the present resolution, by 14 March 2002;

4. *Invites* Governments to inform the Secretariat of the level of their representation at the Assembly, also by 14 March 2002, in order that the drawing of lots for the list of speakers may be scheduled as provided for in rule 20 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Assembly.

Annex I
Provisional agenda for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

1. Opening of the Assembly.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Election of officers other than the President.
6. Organization of work, including establishment of the Main Committee.*
7. Credentials of representatives to the Assembly:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

* The Chairman of the Main Committee will be elected in plenary meeting; officers of the Main Committee other than the Chairman will be elected by the Main Committee.

8. General exchange of views.

9. Political declaration and International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002.

10. Adoption of the report of the Assembly.

Annex II
Guidelines for the proposed organization of work for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

For the purposes of the organization of work set out below, the following guidelines will apply:

(a) During the period from 8 to 12 April 2002, a general exchange of views will be held, at which Member States and observers will make their statements, limited to seven minutes, in the order in which they draw lots;

(b) In accordance with rule 20 of the provisional rules of procedure, the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary will be established by a drawing of lots, which will take place on _____;

(c) During the same period, representatives of intergovernmental organizations and executive heads of interested organizations of the United Nations system may present one statement, during the Assembly;

(d) Given the availability of time, representatives of a limited number of accredited non-governmental organizations may also make statements, in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the World Assembly and the decision of the General Assembly on arrangements regarding the participation of non-governmental organizations in the Second World Assembly on Ageing;*

(e) Normal meeting hours for the Assembly will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Other proposed organizational matters

The following programme of work is proposed for the Second World Assembly on Ageing:

(a) Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Assembly shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: a President, 27 Vice-Presidents and an ex officio Vice-President from the host country, a Rapporteur-General and a Chairman for the Main Committee. In accordance with standard practice, the presidency of the Assembly will go to the host country. The 27 Vice-Presidents will be distributed according to the following geographical pattern: seven representatives from African States, six from Asian States, three from Eastern European States, five from Latin American and Caribbean States, and six from Western European and other States;

(b) The general debate will take place in plenary meeting from 8 to 12 April;

(c) In accordance with rule 46 of its provisional rules of procedure, the Assembly will establish a Main Committee to consider the draft declaration and international plan of action on ageing 2002, also from 8 to 12 April. In accordance with rule 48 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Main Committee may

* A/C.3/56/L.13.

establish such working groups as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions;

(d) Consideration of the report of the Main Committee and the adoption of the Political Declaration and the International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 will take place on Friday, 12 April 2002.

Annex II

Decision adopted by the preparatory committee at its second session

The following decision is brought to the attention of the Second World Assembly on Ageing:

Decision 2002/PC/1
Accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in decision 2001/PC/3 of the preparatory committee

The Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing decides to accredit the following non-governmental organizations to the Second World Assembly on Ageing and its preparatory process:

African Initiative on Ageing (AFIA)

Age Action Ireland Ltd.

Age Concern, New Zealand Incorporated

Age Concern Northern Ireland

AGE-European Older People's Platform

All Japan Construction, Transport and General Workers' Union (CTG)

All Japan Pensioners' Union

Alzheimer Europe

ANBO-Association for People over Fifty

Asociación Bienestar y Desarollo

Asociacíon Civil Diagonal

Asociacíon Gerontologica Costarricense-AGECO

Asociacíon Interdisciplinaria de Gerontologia de Colombia (AIG)

Asociación Multidisciplinaria de Gerontologia (AMAG)

Asociación Pro-Vida Peru

Association de Secours et Aide des Victimes de l'Est du Congo (ASAVIDE-ASBL)

Association of Jewish Ageing Services

Bangladesh Association for the Aged and Institute of Geriatric Medicine (BAAIGM)

Bangladesh Women's Health Coalition (BWHC)

Bevordering Maatschapppelijke Participatie-BMP (Foundation for the Promotion of Social Participation)

Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG)

Canadian Centre for Activity and Ageing

Canadian Ethnocultural Council (CEC)

Canadian Pensioners Concerned Incorporated

Cape Peninsula Organization for the Aged (CPOA)

Centre for Education, Development Action and Research (CEDAR)

Center for Strategic and International Studies

Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones del Trabajo (CESTRA)

Comité nationale Dag van Ouderen (Dutch National Committee for Older Persons)

Community Aid and Sponsorship Programme (CASP)

Conciencia Activa

Confederacion de Federaciones y Asociaciones de Viudas Hispania (CONFAV)

Confederacion Española de Familares de Enfermos de Alzheimer y Otras Demencias (Union of Associations of Families with Alzheimer's and/or other diseases of Spain) — CEAFA

Confederacion Española de Organiciones de Mayores (CEOMA) — Spanish Confederation of Older People's Organizations

Conferación Mesa Federal de Jubilados, Pensionados y Tercera Edad de la Republica Argentina

Congress of Union Retirees of Canada (CURC)

Consortium Peru: Ageing and Development

DanAge Association

Federación de Sociedades Españolas

Federacion Nacional de Pensionados

Federal Superannuates National Association

Federation of Korean Gerontological Societies (FKGS)

Fos'ten (Stichting Surinaamse Vrouwen 50+)

Foundation for International Cooperation of Projects and Other Activities for Humanitarian Affairs (FIPA)

Fundacion Pro-Vida

HelpAge India

HelpAge Sri Lanka

Heritage Hospital (Dr. Reddy's Heritage Foundation)

Humanitarian Organization "RUHAMA" Zenica

Innovation et Promotion pour le Développement Solidaire (I.P.D.S.)

Intercultural Adults Association

International Association for the Study of Obesity (IASO)

International Longevity Center-Japan (ILC-Japan)

International Longevity Centre-UK (ILC-UK)

Instituto del Abuelo

IUS Gentium Conimbrigae-Human Rights Centre (IGC)

Japan NGO Council on Ageing (JANCA)

Johanniter Institution Radevormwald

Liberia Hunger Foundation

Liberian Council for Child and Family Welfare

Liechtensteinischer Seniorenbund

Maccabi Healthcare Services

Merck Institute of Ageing and Health

Mission Armenia

Mongolian Association of Elderly People (MAEP)

Mouvement International des Femmes pour la Démocratie et le Développement (MIFED-Congo)

Movimiento por la Paz, el Desarme y la Libertad (MPDL)

National Association on HIV Over Fifty (NAHOF)

National Council of Family Relations (NCFR)

National Indian and Inuit Community Health Representatives Organization (NIICHRO)

National Seniors Association (NSA)

Nederlandse Islamitishe Bond voor Ouderen (Dutch Islamic Elderly Union)-NISBO

Nederlands Instituut voor Zorg en Welzijn (Netherlands Institute for Care and Welfare)-NIZW

Nepal Participatory Action Network (NEPAN)

Netherlands Platform Older People and Europe (NPOE)

OWL The Voice of Midlife and Older Women

Protestants Christelijke Ouderen-PCOB (Protestant Christian Elderly Association)

Resource Integration Centre (RIC)

Rural Environment and Development Association (REDA)

Social Action for Grassroots Unity and Networking (SAGUN)

Service International pour le Réfugiés et pour la Paix (SIRPAX)

Sociedad Española de Enfermeria Geriatrica y Gerontologica (Spanish Society of Geriatric and Gerontology Nursing)-SEEGG

Society for Participatory Cultural Education (SPACE)

Senioren-Kolleg Liechtenstein

Outreach

People's Cultural Centre (PECUC)

Philippine Retirement Authority Member Association (PRAMA)

Positive Ageing Foundation of Australia

Taskforce Ouderen en Arbeid (Taskforce Older Workers and the Labour Market)

Unie van Katholike Bonden van Ouderen UNIE KBO
(Association of Catholic Organizations of Senior Citizens in the Netherlands)

Union of Retired People of Russia

Valencia Forum

Viet Nam Red Cross Research Centre for Ageing Support (RECAS)

Voluntariado de Ancianos (VO.DE.AN)

Volunteer Canada

Wemos Foundation

West Japan NGO Network of Ageing

Annex III

Draft political declaration

(See A/CONF.197/3/Add.1)

Annex IV

Draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002

(See A/CONF.197/3/Add.2)

Annex V

Documents before the preparatory committee at its second session

Symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title or description*
E/CN.5/2002/PC/1	1	Provisional annotated agenda
E/CN.5/2002/PC/2	3	Report of the Secretary-General on abuse of older persons: recognizing and responding to abuse of older persons in a global context
E/CN.5/2002/PC/3	2	Note by the secretariat on the status of preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing
E/CN.5/2002/PC/4	1	Note by the Secretariat containing a list of non-governmental organizations requesting accreditation to the Second World Assembly on Ageing and its preparatory committee
E/CN.5/2002/5	2	Letter dated 11 February 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
E/CN.5/2002/PC/L.1	4	Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee
E/CN.5/2002/PC/L.2	6	Draft report
E/CN.5/2002/PC/Misc.1	2 (c)	Note by the Secretariat on the information campaign for the Second World Assembly for Ageing carried out by the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat

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Annex III

Draft political declaration

Chair's second draft (on basis of comments received on first draft from Canada, the Czech Republic, the European Union, Switzerland and the United States of America)

Article 1

We, the representatives of Governments meeting at the Second World Assembly on Ageing in Madrid, have decided to adopt an international plan of action on ageing to respond to the opportunities and challenges of population ageing in the twenty-first century and promote the development of a society for all ages. ***(pending)***

New:
Article 2

We recognize that at the beginning of the twenty-first century the world is experiencing a [Canada: dramatic] **(Canada: significant)** demographic transformation [the United States of America (US): which] **(US: that)** will [Group of 77 and China (G77): create entirely new challenges and opportunities] [European Union (EU): **(G77: have profound consequences for every aspect of individual, community, national and international life. In this regard, we note that the fast growth of the population in the first half of the twenty-first century means that the number of persons over 60 will increase from about 600 million in 2000 to almost 2,000 million in 2050 and that the proportion of persons defined as older is projected to increase globally from 10 per cent in 1998 to 15 per cent by 2025. The increase will be greatest and most rapid in developing countries where the older population is expected to quadruple during the next 50 years.)**] [G77: due mainly to the fact that by 2050 the number of persons over 60 will increase from 600 million to almost 2,000 million and the proportion of persons aged 60 years and over is expected to double from 10 per cent to 21 per cent.]

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Article 3

[US: We reiterate the commitment made by our heads of State and Governments [G77: to fully implement the Millennium Declaration] to contribute to the promotion of international and national environments that will foster a society for all ages.] We furthermore reaffirm the Principles and Recommendations for Action of the International Plan of Action on Ageing endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1982 [EU: **(G77: and the United Nations principles for older persons adopted by the General Assembly in 1991, which provided guidance in areas of independence, participation, care, self-fulfilment and dignity.) (Mexico: We emphasize the importance of international cooperation to fully implement the Plan of Action on Ageing, therefore, we encourage the international community to strengthen the mechanisms already established to enhance cooperation among all actors involved.)]** ***(US: Move original last sentence of text to end of article 1)***

Article 4 (former article 5) ***(G77: delete whole of article 4 — idea contained in para. 6 and others)***

[G77: We celebrate rising life expectancy as one of humanity's major achievements. [EU: Population ageing is a universal [US: force] **(US/Canada: trend)** that has the power to shape the future of our societies. We recognize that our [US: accumulated] global capacities offer promising opportunities for social and economic progress. They enable us to take action to improve the opportunities and quality of life of people as they age [US: and to ensure the adequacy and sustainability of necessary support system.] {Agreed: When [ageing] **(Canada: old age)** is embraced as an achievement, the reliance on human skills, experiences and resources of [the higher age groups] **(Canada: older persons)** is naturally recognized as an asset [Canada: in the growth of mature, fully integrated, human societies]].

Canada proposes new article 4 bis:

(We are committed to actions on three priority directions: older persons and development; advancing health and well-being into old age; and, ensuring enabling and supportive environments.)

Article 5 (former article 2)

We commit ourselves to [US: strive for] the full protection and promotion of **(G7: all)** human rights and fundamental freedoms **(G77: including the right to development without distinction as to race, colour, sex, language, religion, age, political or other opinion, descent, national or social origin, property, birth or other status)** [G77: for all] **(US/Canada: persons, including older persons)**. We also recognize that [US: quality of life [is] **(G77: should be)** on a par with longevity, and that] people, as they age, should enjoy a life of fulfilment, health, security and active participation in the economic, social, cultural and political life of their societies. We are determined to enhance the dignity of older [people] **(G77: persons)**, [G77: to recognize their achievements,] [EU: to pursue policies aimed at the eradication of poverty] and [to] **(US: the)** eliminat[e]**(ion)** all forms of abuse, violence **(G77: against and)**, marginalization **(G77: of)** and [G77: discrimination against] older persons. **(G77: We commit ourselves to eradicate age discrimination, to enhance the dignity of older people and to recognize their achievements. (first sentence of article 7) conscious that stereotyping of older**

persons can lead to their discrimination, which constitute violations of human rights.)

EU proposes new paragraph 5 bis:

(We recognize that concerted action is required to empower men and women to realize the opportunities and the quality of life as they age and to ensure the sustainability of their support systems, thus building the foundation for a society for all ages.)

Article 6 ***(EU/Canada — delete entire article 6)***

(Agreed: [EU: The modern world has unprecedented wealth and technological capacity and has presented extraordinary opportunities: to empower men and women to reach old age in better health, and with more fully realized well-being; to seek the full inclusion and participation of older persons in societies; to enable older persons to contribute more effectively to their communities and to the development of their societies; and to steadily improve care and support for older persons as they need it. **(G77: We recognize that)** [Mexico: Concerted action] **(Mexico; In this regard international cooperation)** is required to transform the opportunities and the quality of life of men and women as they age and to ensure the sustainability of their support systems, thus building the foundation for a society for all ages.]

Article 7 (former article 11) ***(G77/EU — delete whole of article 7 — elements contained in article 5)***

[G77/EU: We commit ourselves to eradicate age discrimination, to enhance the dignity of older people and to recognize their achievements. We reiterate the importance of universal respect **(US: for)** and [Canada: observance] **(Canada: protection)** of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction [US: as to] race, colour, sex, language, religion, [US: age,] political or other opinion, [US: descent,] national or social origin, property, birth or other status, [US/Canada: conscious that stereotyping of older persons can lead to their discrimination, which constitute violations of human rights.]] ***(US: reverse order of first two sentences) (Canada: move first sentence to last sentence)***

Article 8 (former article 7) ***(Canada/Australia: delete entire article)***

[EU: Failure to fully participate in the global economy of **(US: some)** developing countries, in particular **(US: some)** least developing countries [and] **(US: as well as)** some countries with economies in transition, may be a contribut[or]**(US: ing)** factor to increasing poverty of a growing number of people, including older persons. For this reason we recognize the importance of **(US: addressing ageing as a key development issue and of)** [US: placing ageing as a key topic in the development agendas and in] seeking to achieve the full participation in the global economy of developing countries and of countries with economies in transition. Our task is] **(EU: We commit ourselves)** to effectively incorporate ageing within social and economic strategies, policies and action integrating a gender perspective and recognizing that specific policies will vary according to conditions within each country. **(EU: We should give due priority to ageing in development of agendas, as well as in strategies for the eradication of poverty, giving special attention to the needs, priorities and perspectives of the developing countries and to some countries with economies in transition. In this regard we stress that older women should be given priority attention in our policies on ageing.)**

Canada (supported by Australia) proposes alternative article 8:

(We recognize the importance of ageing in development agendas, and in seeking to achieve the full participation in the global economy of developing countries and of countries with economies in transition. Our task is to effectively incorporate ageing within social and economic strategies, policies and action while recognizing that specific policies will vary according to conditions within each country. We recognize the need to mainstream a gender perspective into all policies and programmes to take account of the needs and experiences of older women and men.)

Article 9 (former article 8) ***(Canada: delete entire Article)***

{Agreed: It is essential to integrate [EU: the evolving process] **(EU: all dimensions)** of global ageing within the larger process of development. Policies on ageing deserve close examination from the developmental perspective of a broader life course and a society-wide view, [US: taking into account recent global initiatives and the guiding principles set down by major United Nations conferences and summits.]}

Article 10 (former article 12)

The potential of [Canada: the ageing population] **(Canada: older persons)** is a powerful basis for future development. This enables society to rely increasingly on the skills, experience and wisdom of older persons, not only to take the lead in their own betterment but also to participate actively in that of society as a whole. [Canada: The participation of the ageing population in the active labour force contributes to national economic well-being and social development particularly in achieving integrated societies for all.]

EU proposes alternative text:

(We emphasize the importance of a worldwide research agenda on ageing and age related issues, as an important instrument for ageing and policy formulation. Governments, in collaboration with research institutions, statistical institutes, population centres, universities and non-governmental organizations should strengthen information systems to produce reliable and harmonized data and indicators.)

Article 11 (new) ***(US/Canada: delete whole of article 11)***

The expectations of older persons and the economic needs of society demand that older workers enjoy a life of fulfilment, health, security and active participation in the economic, political, social and cultural life of their societies, thereby ensuring maximum productive capacity throughout life. Older persons must have the opportunity to work for as long as they wish and are able, in satisfying and productive work, continuing to have access to education and training programmes. The empowerment of older persons and the promotion of their full participation, are essential elements for active ageing. At the same time, as we are benefiting from the contribution to economic growth of older persons through their skills and experience, we must ensure the provision of appropriate sustainable social protection systems for those in need.

Article 12 ***(US/Canada: delete whole of article 11)***

[Mexico/EU: We recognize our responsibility for the provision of support and care for older persons, working together with local authorities, non-governmental organizations, individual volunteers and voluntary organizations, including associations of older persons, as well as families and communities. **(Mexico: We stress our primary responsibility for providing or ensuring access to basic**

social services and physical and mental health for all, bearing in mind specific needs of older persons. We also stress that) [EU: The] **(that)** care of older persons should involve their total well being,] taking into account the interdependence of the physical, mental, social, spiritual and environmental factors.] [Mexico: We stress the primary responsibility of Governments for ensuring access to high quality care and social and health services, [EU: and reaffirm] **(EU: are convinced)** that the care for older persons should take into account all aspects of the well-being of older persons.]

Article 13 (new) ***(US/Canada: delete whole of article 13)***

We recognize the importance of the tasks carried out by families, volunteers, communities, older persons organizations and other community-based organizations providing support and informal care to older persons in addition to those provided by Governments.

Article 14 ***(Canada: delete whole of article 14)***

We recognize the need to strengthen the solidarity between generations, keeping in mind the particular needs of both older and younger ones, and we call for persons of all ages to nurture and encourage reciprocal relationships between generations.

Mexico proposes merging articles 15 and 17 with following text:

(Governments have the primary responsibility to provide leadership on ageing matters and on the implementation of the Plan of Action on Ageing. Notwithstanding, the implementation of the Plan of Action will require the partnership the partnership and involvement of many stakeholders: national and local governments, international agencies, professionals organizations; corporations; workers and workers organizations; cooperatives; research academic and other educational and religious institutions; and the media. Therefore, we invite all people in all countries from every sector of society, both as individuals and members of public, private or civil society organizations, to join in our dedication to a shared vision of equitable societies for all ages.)

Article 15 (former article 9)

{Agreed: Governments have the primary responsibility to provide leadership on [US/Canada: ageing matters and on] the implementation of the Plan of Action on Ageing [US/Canada: but] **(Canada: in)** [Canada: effective] **(US: in)** collaboration [US: [Canada: between] **(Canada: with) (EU: all levels of decision-making bodies,)** [Canada: national and local] **(US: with other stakeholders, including all levels of)** Governments, international agencies,] older persons themselves and their organizations, [US/EU: other parts of] [EU: civil society, including non-governmental organizations,] [US/Canada: and] the private sector **(US: and international agencies.)** [US/Canada: is essential. The implementation **(EU: , the follow up and monitoring)** of the Plan of Action will require the partnership and involvement of other stakeholders, civil society organizations,] professional organizations; corporations; workers and workers organizations; cooperatives; research, academic, and other educational and religious institutions; and the media.}

Article 16 (new) ***(Canada: delete entire article 16)***

We underline the important[ce] **(US: important role that the)** United Nations **(US: system, including the)** regional commissions **(US: can)** play in the implementation of the International Plan of Action [US: in line with the differences in economic, social and

demographic conditions existing among the regions. They should cooperate as much as possible in order to foster mutual support and the exchange of best practices.]

Article 17 (former article 15)

We invite all people in all countries from every sector of society, both as individuals and members of [US/Canada: public, private or civil society] organizations, to join in our dedication to a shared vision of equality for persons of all ages.